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SUBJECT: FONMIN DENNIS ON US-UK-FRANCE DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA AND ON
ARMED STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. LIBERIAN FOMIN DENNIS TOOK OCCASION, IN APRIL 27 SPEECH
WELCOMING ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO TO LIBERIA, TO LAUD
DEMARCHE TO SAG BY US, UK AND FRANCE ON NAMIBIA. DENNIS SAID
THIS ACTION "GIVES RISE TO OPTIMISM ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR
MEANINGFUL POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIAN INDE-
PENDENCE WITHIN THE DEADLINE SET BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE
ARE INDEED GRATIFIED THAT THESE THREE WESTERN POWERS HAVE SEEN
THE WISDOM IN ADVOCATING A COURSE OF ACTION BY SOUTH AFRICA WHICH
PRESIDENT TOLBERT AT A MUCH EARLIER TIME HAD CALLED UPON
MR. VORSTER TO FOLLOW."

2. ON SAME OCCASION DENNIS GAVE GOL VERSION OF RHETORIC NOW
CURRENT IN AFRICA ON USE OF ARMED STRUGGLE TO EFFECT LIBERATION
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: "WE PREFER A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE
SITUATION IF POSSIBLE, AND SHOULD PEACEFUL MEANS FAIL, THEN WE
SHALL RESORT TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE.
HOWEVER, ANY DECISION IN RESPECT OF THE MOBILIZATION OF THE
AFRICAN POPULATION IN AN INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, WE BELIEVE, MUST BE MADE BY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
AND THE PEOPLES OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, NOT BY ANY GROUP OF
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INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES NOR, FOR THAT MATTER, BY THE OAU."

IN SUPPORT OF THIS POSITION DENNIS POINTED OUT THAT IT IS INHABITANTS OF AFFECTED TERRITORIES WHO WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE AND STRESSED THE "PRIMARY ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THEMSELVES." HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN WON BEFORE BY AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF TROOPS FROM FREE AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: DENNIS' APPROVING COMMENT ON US-UK-FRANCE ACTION ON NAMIBIA FOLLOWS FROM GOL POSITION AT TIME OF TRIPARTITE VETO IN SC. AT THAT TIME GOL SAID THAT THREE POWERS HAVING VETOED AFRICANS' SOLUTION, IT IS UP TO THEM TO SUGGEST THEIR OWN. NEVERTHELESS, DENNIS' REMARKS, AND THE STRESS THEY HAVE RECEIVED IN LOCAL MEDIA TREATMENT, STRIKE GRATIFYINGLY PLEASANT NOTE OF APPROVAL OF USG AFRICAN POLICY. HIS REMARKS SHOW THAT GOL DOES WATCH WHAT USG DOES AND APPRECIATES USG ACTIONS IN ACCORD WITH GOL PERCEPTIONS OF RIGHT IN AFRICA.

4. SO FAR AS ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS CONCERNED, IT IS CLEAR THAT GOL WILL GIVE VERBAL SUPPORT TO CONSENSUS THAT IF PEACEFUL MEANS FAIL THEN ARMED STRUGGLE MUST COME BUT WOULD PREFER NOT TO BE PUT TO TEST OF REQUIREMENT OF STERNER MEASURES.
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